Report of WHO on Heart Attack

†1117. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has submitted a report in the Heart Institute, New York in which a serious concern has been expressed on growing cases of heart attack in India;

(b) if so, the details of this report;

(c) the number of people having heart diseases across the country, State-wise and age-wise; and

(d) the number of deaths caused by heart attack in the country during the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) the World Health Organization has not submitted any report to the 'Heart Institute, 'New York' on Cardiovascular diseases in India. A report based on a project conducted at the Earth Institute at Columbia University warns that rising rates of death and disability due to cardiovascular diseases will seriously affect productivity and impose economic burden on India along with other countries. India will be the worst hit due to early deaths and disability with productive life-year losses due to deaths in the 35-64 year age groups rising from 9.2 million in 2000 to 17.9 million in 2030.

(c) and (d) The exact number of people having heart disease and number of deaths caused by heart attack in India is not known. In India Coronary heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in both urban as well as rural populations as per Medical certification of Causes of Death (1997) and Survey of Causes of Deaths (1998). Based on the projections, it has been concurred by AIIMS that approximately 2.5 million persons die in the country due to heart attack and 1/3rd of them may be women. There are about 1 million Rheumatic Heart Disease cases in India.

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